

A Learning School
A Community School
An Inclusive School



A Growth Mindset School
A Reflective School
A Healthy School

Gorse Hill Primary School

Newsletter week ending 19th October 2019

Happy Half Term!

Can it really be the half-term holiday? What a jam-packed first half term we have had; filled with lots of exciting trips and learning: from toy making to a Roman visit to Chester; from orienteering to den building; from traditional tales to learning about World War two and not forgetting all children settling into their new classes with new teachers. We hope that everyone has a happy and safe half term. **Please remember that school does not reopen until Wednesday 31st October at 8:50am.**

Harvest Festival

A huge thank-you to everyone who brought in donations for the Harvest Festival. We celebrated with a whole school assembly last Friday. EYFS and Key Stage One sang harvest songs; Year 3 shared harvest poems; year 4 reflected on the history and the meaning of Harvest festival; year 5 shared learning about the work of Stretford Foodbank and Year 6 shared their learning on homeless week.

The volunteers from Stretford foodbank were incredibly grateful for our donations.



Y5 Hand-on-Heart Training

Some children in Year 5 took part First Aid defibrillator and CPR training. Pupils learnt how to perform emergency first aid and had defibrillator and CPR training from the Hand on Heart company. No dummies were injured during this activity!



Building Extension Update

Good progress on work to the extension is being made with the brick work nearly up to the first floor level. Over half term, it is planned that the floor of the upstairs, which is being made off site, will be delivered and installed. This will involve a large crane hoisting the floor into place. The extension completion date is expected to be around the 22nd February 2019. I anticipate having to close school for a period of time whilst we move into the new build but I will keep parents informed about this. Once the extension is completed, work will commence internally with the development of a new food technology room, learning resource/library area, a community room and a staff room. I am also pleased that after several weeks of little progress to the MUGA pitch, work has now resumed. It is disappointing that this part of the works is behind schedule, with completion now being expected by 31st October. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their patience and co-operation during this disruptive time. It will be worth it in the end.



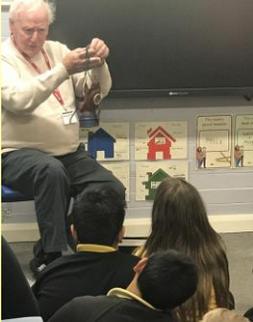
Competition Winners!

Many of you many remember the amazing fundraising we did for Autism Awareness Week way back in March. We participated in lots of events including a sponsored 'onesie walk' and designing and selling biscuits. The National Autistic Society ran a competition for the school who raised the most money - and Gorse Hill won! We are awaiting the certificate for our final amount but it was around £1800!! Because we raised the most in the country, we have been gifted an amazing variety of educational Playmobil! These sets will be very useful for our Lego therapy intervention. Thank you for all of your support in fundraising - I'm so happy we've helped to make a difference to so many people with autism. Mrs Dickinson



Y5 visit from an Evacuee!

Last week Year 5 were lucky enough to have a visit from Jack who was an evacuee during World War 2. Jack was evacuated to Blackpool and told the children all about his experiences during his time there. The children were all enthralled with Jack's story which provoked many interesting discussions and questions. Thank you to Jack for volunteering to give the children a first hand experience of the life of an evacuee.



Y4 Visit Chester

Year 4 went to Chester to find out about what life was like in Roman Britain. They stepped back in time and marched around Chester with a Roman soldier. As you can see from these photos, pupils had an excellent time!



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Lacrosse Camp October 22nd

Camp runs from 10-3pm and all equipment is provided.
Camp is on astro so bring the appropriate footwear, waterproofs
and a packed lunch.
Costs only £15 for 1 day
Bring your friends and have a try!!
Contact Alison to book your place.

Address:
Brooklands Sports Club
Whitehall Road
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Black History Celebrations

In Gorse Hill Primary school, we had a curriculum day to celebrate Black History Month. Our focus was to look at Black musicians through the decades and research their influence and contribution to music and culture. EYFS learnt to sing 'Autumn leaves' by Nat King Cole. Year 1 researched The Jackson Five and talked about how different songs make them feel. In Year 2, pupils looked at the life of Tina Turner and how times have changed; making an Amistad chain, doves of peace and learnt to sing Proud Mary. Year 3 looked at music of Michael Jackson and its impact on modern culture. Year 4 pupils learnt about Aretha Franklin and wrote RESPECT acrostic poems. Year 5 focused on the music of Beyonce; which has inspired and empowered millions of people all over the world. Year 6 looked at the influence of Bob Marley's music and the messages of peace, understanding and the importance of standing up for your rights. All Children presented their exciting learning in a whole school assembly; it was a musical extravaganza!





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Attendance Awards w/e



Punctuality w/e



85 late arrivals in one week! Please ensure that your children arrive into school on time.

Sports News

On Wednesday, some Gorse Hill pupils took part in the TAG RUGBY tournament at Metrovicks Festival. Carter won an award for team spirit and determination.



Our Sports Leaders have been fully trained for their role at MUFC. They have already led an assembly and taught a PE lesson to reception children.



Dates for your Diary

October

- 19th- School closes for half-term
- 31st School reopens 8:50am

November

- 7th- Individual class photos
- 8th- Class 12 Learning assembly 2:30pm
- 12th- 16th- Anti-bullying week
- 14th Y5 trip to Imperial War Museum
- 15th- Class 11 Learning assembly 2:30pm
- 20th- French Day
- 21st- Parents' Evening
- 22nd- Class 5 Learning assembly 2:30pm
- 22nd- Y6 Height and Weight check

December

- 7th- Decoration Day
- 7th- Reception Play and Stay
- 11th- Christmas Dinner
- 12th- Christmas Fair
- 12th- EYFS Xmas Play
- 12th- Gorse Hill Xmas Jumper Day
- 13th- Class 7,8 &9 Theatre trip
- 13th- EYFS Xmas Play
- 13th- KS1- Theatre Trip
- 14th- UKS2 Y5 and Y6 Singing concert

